

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph at page 5, lines 1-14 as follows:

It is another objective of the present invention to provide a method for producing a composition comprising a niosome, wherein the niosome retaining within its structure:

- (1) a cyclodextrin inclusion complex formed by a cyclodextrin compound and a steroidal active agent; and
- (2) a vesicle formed by a nonionic surfactant;

wherein said niosome can facilitate the transdermal delivery of said steroidal active agent,

the method comprising the steps of:

- (a) forming a cyclodextrin inclusion complex of a steroidal active agent;
- (b) forming a vesicle solution of a nonionic surfactant;
- (c) mixing the vesicle solution of step (b) with the cyclodextrin inclusion complex of step (a) in a molar ratio of about ~~1.0 to 25.0~~ 25.0 to 1.0; and
- (d) drying the resulted mixture of step (c).

Please amend the paragraph at page 7, lines 12-15 as follows:

In a preferred embodiment, the composition of this invention comprises a niosome, the niosome comprises within its structure a vesicle formed by a nonionic surfactant and a cyclodextrin inclusion complex in molar ratio of about ~~0.5 to 30~~ 30 to 0.5; and more preferably, about ~~1.0 to 25~~ 25.0 to 1.0.

Please amend the paragraph at page 8, lines 4-10 as follows:

According to one embodiment of this present invention provides a method comprising the steps of:

- a) forming a cyclodextrin inclusion complex of a steroidal active agent;
- b) forming a vesicle solution of a nonionic surfactant;
- c) mixing the vesicle solution of step (b) with the cyclodextrin inclusion complex of step (a) in a molar ratio of about ~~1.0 to 25.0~~ 25.0 to 1.0; and
- d) drying the resulted mixture of step (c).

Please amend the paragraph at page 8, lines 11-14 as follows:

In step a), the cyclodextrin inclusion complex may be formed by a physical mixing process or a freeze-drying process as described in Examples herein. The molar ratio of cyclodextrins and steroidal active agents is preferably about ~~0.5 to 15~~ 15 to 0.5; more preferably, about ~~1.0 to 10.0~~ 10 to 1.0.

Please amend the paragraph at page 8, lines 19-23 as follows:

In step c), the vesicle solution of step (b) is mixed with the cyclodextrin inclusion complex of step (a) in a molar ratio of about ~~1.0 to 25.0~~ 25.0 to 1.0 to form a niosome slurry; and the niosomes thus formed may be freeze dried and/or spray dried (in step (d)) and the resulting pellets or powder stored until further required when they can be rehydrated.